

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/009661

## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-11 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.\* 1-13 \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on 15.07.2005 with letter of 15.07.2005
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/3-3/3 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-13</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-13</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-13</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
2.	Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
	<p>The application concerns a boat.</p> <p>Document DE3443137 is considered the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1 and discloses a boat with a bow region that comprises two wedge-shape guide elements and a rotatable drive unit fitted therebetween.</p> <p>In the aforementioned boat, the bow drives the water predominantly outwards and to the side, which in the case of a river boat may cause damage to the bank.</p> <p>That problem is solved by the features of the newly submitted claim 1, namely by the arrangement of a base area in the form of a horizontal wedge between the two guide elements at the side of the bow.</p> <p>Such a combination of features is neither described nor suggested by the available prior art. The application therefore meets the requirements for novelty and inventive step (PCT</p>		

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	<p>Article 33(2) and (3)).</p> <p>Claims 2-13 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.</p>